



Strike in Crumlin - Langford Lodge Workers

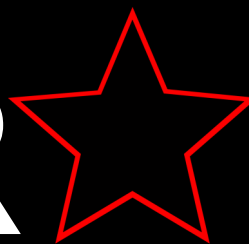


Roads Workers - Back on the Picket Lines



Meanwhile in Ballymena: Nae Swimmin'

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French Insurgency



Flic de Merde!

The recent murder of 17 year old Nahel Merzouk by the French police is sadly nothing new in spite of the shock exhibited in the mass media. Nahel's killing takes the total of those murdered by the state to 23 in the last two years. An undeclared war fought out on the streets of France against the working class youth by the racist and fascist police is the real background to the explosion of rage across France since this latest attack. A protest march which took place in Paris on Saturday, 8 July organised by Assa Traore, whose brother died in police custody in 2016 in circumstances similar to George Floyd in the US, was banned by the state but failed in preventing thousands from attending. The pressure needs to be kept up. Here's for some direct action during the Tour de France!

Northern Anarcho-Syndicalist News from Organise!

'They authorise marches by neo-Nazis, but they don't allow us to march. France cannot give us moral lessons. Its police is racist and violent'
Assa Traore

Roads Workers on Strike



Some of the poorest paid workers across the North have been back on the picket lines in recent weeks. These are the people who dig up the roads, lay tarmac, fill in holes, and lay grit and sand as needed at all hours and in all weathers. Their dispute focuses on a so-called 'bonus' scheme that offers overtime pay on the lowest rates possible, which when combined with the already extremely low wages these workers receive affords little

dignity and less respect to them. As one of the workers said on the picket line recently, they are skilled jobs and their bonus could be paid one week and lost the next because of the generally low rates of pay, with some workers taking home as little as £330 at the end of the week. Naturally, this is yet another case where the politicians say it's a Stormont issue and if the DUP would just agree to wind their necks in and get back into government they'd happily open the purse strings, set aside those 'tough choices' they all keep talking about and give the workers what they deserve. Bollocks, of course, but it's long since time that the Roads Service workers were given their due, the laughable bonus scheme scrapped and proper pay and conditions sorted.

Langford Lodge Strike



At the end of June, workers at RLC Langford Lodge Ltd in Crumlin, County Antrim, who make parts for the aerospace industry began a week of strike action against the usual shit pay offer of four and a half percent. This from a company, readers will be shocked to hear, with an turnover of around £40 million. The 200 or so workers effectively shut down the factory for a week and enjoying the wee

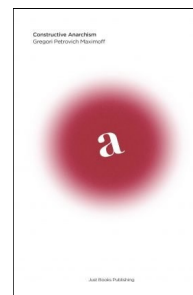
spell then of good weather, the barbecues were brought out on the picket lines. They should have roasted some of the bastard executives while they were at it!

This dispute has been running a while now. Strike action commenced in May last year, workers started an overtime ban at the same time, and they're now having another go, we extend out solidarity and support.

Just Books Publishing



Just Books Publishing, set up by the Just Books Collective, has so far published its first two titles.



The first is a reprint of Gregori Maximoff's *Constructive Anarchism*, to mark the 100th year of existence of the International Workers Association (IWA) the Anarcho-Syndicalist

international founded in Berlin in 1922.

isbn 9781739723705

£11.99



The second title, now with a new cover, is Nick Heath's *The Idea. Anarchist Communism: Past, Present and Future* - a welcome and new comprehensive work on anarchist communism,

this book seeks to rehabilitate the current of anarchist-communism. To make it better known and understood.

...a good substantial book, and much needed. Lucidly written, it provides a rich brew of engaging discussions of the 'Idea' (anarchist communism as a political philosophy), interesting vignettes of many individual anarchists, and a great historical account of the many anarchist communist organisations over the past 150 years...

(Brian Morris on *The Idea*)

isbn 9781739723712

£15.00

Available from:

<https://organiseanarchistsireland.com/shop/>

Balkan Anarchist Bookfair



From the 7th to 9th of July the Balkan Anarchist Bookfair Balkan; 'a common project of the anarchist and anti-authoritarian movement in the Balkans' took place in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The first bookfair was held in March 2003 and it was envisaged as an annual event of the anarchist movement in the Balkans that would rotate among different cities. The 2023 event returned to the city that hosted the first bookfair and was an inspiring success.

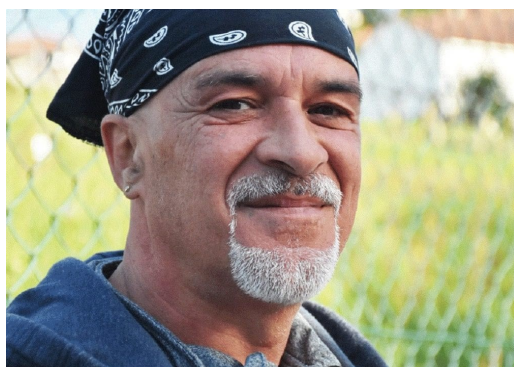
A packed programme with stalls, discussions, books, publications and cultural events was attended by many hundreds of people from the Balkans, Europe, and beyond.

On the evening of Saturday, 8th of July, up to 1000 people joined a demonstration of internationalist solidarity and resistance against war, nationalism, patriarchy, borders and capital on the streets of Ljubljana. The demonstration - spontaneously initiated by the assembly of participants of BAB2023 and self-organized by them - was a clear and concrete confirmation of the internationalist character

of this gathering and our movement in general. The 'numerous languages that were heard through all the slogans during the demo on the streets and written on the banners are not only a symbolic sign but a concrete expression of our internationalism. For us it is very clear: everywhere in the world the enemies of the people are sitting in banks and parliaments.'



Gabriel Pombo da Silva - Free!



We received the great news that Gabriel Pombo da Silva, one of the longest serving anarchist prisoners, was released from prison by the Spanish state on the 10th July 2023. Following a prolonged campaign for our comrades release Gabriel was picked up from prison by comrades from the CNT-AIT. The comrades CNT-AIT, the anarcho-syndicalist union section of the International Workers Association that organises within the Spanish state, have been tireless in their efforts to

secure Gabriel's release. Gabriel is spending time with family and close comrades - we are informed that more details will follow.

Meanwhile... In Ballymena



Cyanobacteria - sounds like a make-up word but it's all over the north coast at the minute. Blooms of blue-green algae (obviously it's non-sectarian), that's toxic to humans and animals. Pity we didnae have pints of it for the fascist fuckers protesting in Portrush last month!

Folk cannae go for a paddle for fear of chemical burns because of global warming and those wankers think immigrants are the big threat.

Get Involved: Help Build A Working Class Alternative.



Organise! is an anarcho-syndicalist group in Ireland which is affiliated to the International Worker's Association as 'friends of' section. We take inspiration from the self directed struggles of working-class people, and particularly the history and tradition of struggle epitomised by the IWA - the anarcho-syndicalist international. Our history goes back to the original formation of Organise! by the Ballymena and Antrim Anarchist Groups in 1985. We are a small, but growing, group of ordinary working class people who are fed up with being fucked about by the profit system, fed up with seeing our communities and workplaces torn apart by racism, patriarchy, nationalism and sectarianism, and sick of a greedy few getting rich off everyone else's backs.

We are actively working to promote solidarity in opposition to capitalism, the state, patriarchy and all other forms of oppression and hierarchy. The way we organise reflects the free society we want to create: one based on voluntary association, democratic participation and self-management.

Our members are workers, claimants, students, migrants, unemployed and other working-class people committed to building a libertarian communist union movement actively opposed to all forms of oppression and exploitation.

We want to improve everyday conditions for ourselves and other working class people, but we also struggle for the revolutionary transformation that can create a free and equal society, one based on mutual aid and co-operation. Sound crazy? Maybe it does, but in an era in which it is easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism the continuation of the present system is even crazier...



The current system isn't working – ill-health, stress and overwork affect more and more people while others are flung on the dole; for increasing amounts of workers it is precarity, zero hours contracts and the stress of being unable to plan or budget our lives; we live in a world of plentiful resources yet millions starve; some people make vast fortunes just because they own companies, land, property or natural resources, but those of us who create the wealth, work the land and build the properties are left struggling to survive; politicians tell us there's no money – not for wages, benefits or local amenities, but there's always plenty for war; both locally and globally the gap between the richest and the poorest sections of society has never been so great; instead of a war on poverty they've got a war on 'benefit fraud', while the same system that creates war, poverty and environmental destruction stigmatises, imprisons and deports the resultant refugees.

We don't think these things are inevitable or coincidental, we think they are related to capitalism – an economic system defined by wage slavery and the accumulation of profit out of other people's work. So we support all workers against their bosses in demanding higher wages and better conditions. We try to intervene practically to support workers engaged in disputes and are also active in our own workplaces and communities. Not only against exploitation but against the multiple oppressions faced by members of the working class in all our diversity.

But it's not just a question of trying to struggle by in a world of exploitation and oppression; we look to a future where workers control production and society in their own interests. And unlike some people who claim to oppose capitalism, we don't want to be a new set of leaders and we refuse to be led by anyone else. We advocate direct democracy in the workplace and through the commune in our communities – working in federation to ensure that the needs of all are met and that no-one is ever again in a position to oppress or exploit another human being.

If you are interested in these ideas, we'd encourage you to explore our website and consider getting involved.

We currently have members in Belfast, Cork, Derry, Lisburn, Newtownabbey and Portadown and are building the organisation on the basis of active involvement and participation. We aren't interested in meaningless 'paper' membership so you can't join by filling in an online form and bunging us a few quid.

To talk to us about joining get the ball rolling, check out our website at <https://organiseanarchistsireland.com> and send an email to:

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